

favorably known as the leading composer of the music publishing firm of Rewbush, Keefer, & Co., of Dayton, Va., led the union choir of some thirty of the best voices of the city a half hour previous to each preaching service. So well did people like the singing that often the church was crowded before preaching time. That leads me to speak of the wonderful attendance during the entire meeting. Anticipating a crowd we got fifty extra chairs from the Y. M. C. A., and yet with this extra seating capacity the church was filled to overflowing frequently and only two or three nights but that some fifty stood in the rear for want of seats. Several times fully a fourth of those who came were turned away. The aisles and vestibule packed to the outside doors. Some had to enter the church through the basement. All this too, in the face of three other protracted meetings in the city. Nearly all denominations helped make it a success.

Brother Shaver helped do some log rolling about a week. Those who have worked side by side with the "Valley Evangelist" know his power with the Gospel cant hook.

We, of Hagerstown claim to have discovered the "Sankey" of the Brethren Church in Brother Hall. He is indeed one of the sweet singers of Israel, and the brotherhood at large should use him in revival effort. His book, "Crowning Day," combined, is a fair rival of Gospel hymns and when once as fully known as they, we believe will be more popular. So great impression did he and his book make upon the people of this city that he is requested to return during the week of prayer and lead the union service of the city, using "Crowning Day." Where a Sankey is a Moody must be. Therefore behold in Sister Laura the Brethren's "Moody." We can say positively that no man among us could have done here what God did through her. You will feel the force of this when you know that but *five* of the fourteen baptized were *known* to us before the meeting began. Those who were prejudiced against her preaching came to criticise, heard and went away conquered by the Spirit, for Laura is a Spirit filled woman. No church can do better than have her aid them in broadening and deepening their influence, whether it be in *Athens* or by the *lake front* of Galilee. We believe we can truthfully say to the brotherhood of Sister Laura and Brother Hall as Joash did over the sick form of Elisha "The Chariot of Israel the (Brethren) and horsemen thereof."

Now a closing word to the beloved children here. All but two who were baptized are young people and *all* of a high

order, and we are justly proud of them in the Lord. We are equally and alike proud of all. This hive has *few* idle bees. A Y. P. S. C. E. was organized Sunday night. We have no old in the church here, all are in the vigor of Christian life. They are "Soldiers of the Cross" in every sense of the word and well can we say of them, The footmen of Israel and the strength thereof. May none ever be less zealous than now.

At the Apostolic celebration of the holy communion, after the example of Christ, eighty-eight communed. It was a transfiguring time. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

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THE WASHINGTON MISSION.

I visited in person, Brother Lyons in the city of Washington, and find him a genial gentleman, and an honest worker. There have been certain reports concerning this work. The church is the First Brethren Church of Washington. The members are few in number, but are hard at work and will, I have no doubt, make a success of the work. I could leave but little evidence of my good will, but am starting some lines of work that will help this point in a practical manner, and that is the kind of help needed. Any one sending money to the board for this purpose will have their wishes carried out to the letter. I stated this position at conference. I never had any other idea, and when the conference comes round my report will show my faith by my works. The General Board is the proper custodian of funds for all mission purposes of a general character, and it will be true to its trust. I would suggest that those churches near Washington, send in to Brother Lyon a box of provisions, produce, etc. Church workers eat, and these things they have to buy. A few good women could soon make a nice box of good things that would be appreciated. Send by freight, freight paid, and see what a nice letter Brother Lyons will send you. Address W. M. Lyon, 315 9th St., S. E. Now he did not ask me to do this, but I know what I am talking about. Let us push the mission work. See something on this subject next week.

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CAMPBELL, MICH.

The Campbell church is still progressing. Elder D. V. Yoder, our pastor and elder preaches for us once every two weeks, on Sunday and Sunday night also. A large attendance and good interest as well is manifested. We have recently had one addition to the church by baptism.

Our prayer is that others may follow in the near future. We have our prayer-meeting once every two weeks with a good attendance. May the Lord bless us in this work for we truthfully believe that much good may be done in this service when properly conducted. We recently organized our Sabbath-school as a strictly Brethren Sabbath school, and is moving along nicely, with an average of about forty scholars. Good interest is shown in this work. We only hope it may continue until the final prize is won and we reach our eternal home in glory. Our S. S. C. E. organization is progressing nicely and doing much good in the church and neighborhood as well. Elder C. A. Price preached to us last Sunday evening speaking many words of cheer and comfort. May the good Lord bless the aged brother. We recently received a letter from elder John M. Fox, our former elder and pastor. He preaches at North Manchester and Sidney, Ind. May the Lord abundantly bless him in his work. Elder J. G. Winey still breaks the bread of life to the Brethren of Woodland, Mich. May he be successful in bringing many souls to Christ is the prayer of

Your Sister in Christ,

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UNSELFISH PRAYER.

The Lord's Prayer teaches that we are members of a family, when He tells us to pray not "*My* Father," but "*Our* Father;" not "*my* soul be saved," but "*Thy* kingdom come;" not "*give me*," but "*give us* our daily bread;" not "*forgive me*," but "*forgive us* our trespasses," and that only as we forgive others; not "*lead me not*," but "*lead us not into temptation*;" not "*deliver me*," but "*deliver us from evil*." After *that* manner our Lord tells us to pray, and in proportion as we pray in that manner, just so far, and no farther, will God hear our prayers.—*Reformed Church Messenger*.

"The common school system is really the outgrowth, in my judgment, of our Sunday-school organization, and the Sunday school organization is still vital to the well-being of the common school. The common schools are preserved in this country, have been preserved, and as long as there is honest Americanism beneath the Stars and Stripes the public schools shall be preserved."—*Lorimer*.

"Temptation often assails the finest natures, as the pecking sparrow, or the destructive wasp, attacks the sweetest and mellowest fruit, eschewing what is sour and crude."—Charlotte Bronte.